

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for his remarks.

Paul, we all wish you well, and no more excuses about your golf game.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill, H.R. 249.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 277, nays 137, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 269]

YEAS—277

Abercrombie	Diaz-Balart, M.	Kennedy
Ackerman	Dicks	Kildee
Aderholt	Doggett	Kilpatrick
Allen	Donnelly	King (NY)
Altmire	Doyle	Kirk
Andrews	Dreier	Klein (FL)
Arcuri	Duncan	Kucinich
Baca	Edwards	Kuhl (NY)
Baird	Ehlers	Langevin
Baldwin	Ellison	Lantos
Barrett (SC)	Emanuel	Larsen (WA)
Bartlett (MD)	English (PA)	Larson (CT)
Bean	Eshoo	LaTourette
Becerra	Everett	Lee
Berkley	Farr	Levin
Berman	Ferguson	Lewis (GA)
Berry	Filner	Linder
Biggert	Forbes	Lipinski
Billbray	Fossella	LoBiondo
Bilirakis	Fox	Loeb
Bishop (NY)	Frank (MA)	Lofgren, Zoe
Blumenauer	Frelinghuysen	Lowe
Bono	Gallegly	Lynch
Boozman	Gerlach	Maloney (NY)
Boucher	Giffords	Marchant
Brady (PA)	Gilchrest	Marky
Braley (IA)	Gillibrand	Matsui
Brown, Corrine	Goode	McCarthy (NY)
Buchanan	Gordon	McCollum (MN)
Burgess	Green, Al	McCotter
Butterfield	Green, Gene	McDermott
Calvert	Grijalva	McGovern
Campbell (CA)	Gutierrez	McHugh
Capito	Hall (NY)	McIntyre
Capps	Hall (TX)	McNerney
Capuano	Hare	Meehan
Carnahan	Hastings (FL)	Meek (FL)
Carney	Heller	Meeks (NY)
Carson	Hereth Sandlin	Mica
Castle	Higgins	Michaud
Castor	Hill	Miller (NC)
Chabot	Hinche	Miller, George
Chandler	Hirono	Mitchell
Clarke	Hobson	Mollohan
Clay	Hodes	Moore (KS)
Cleaver	Holden	Moore (WI)
Cohen	Holt	Moran (VA)
Conyers	Honda	Murphy (CT)
Cooper	Hooley	Murphy, Patrick
Costello	Hoyer	Murphy, Tim
Courtney	Inslee	Murtha
Crenshaw	Israel	Myrick
Crowley	Issa	Nadler
Cummings	Jackson (IL)	Napolitano
Davis (AL)	Jackson-Lee	Neal (MA)
Davis (CA)	(TX)	Obey
Davis (IL)	Jefferson	Olver
Davis (KY)	Jindal	Ortiz
Davis, Lincoln	Johnson (GA)	Pallone
Davis, Tom	Johnson (IL)	Pascarella
DeFazio	Jones (NC)	Pastor
DeGette	Jones (OH)	Payne
Delahunt	Kagen	Perlmutter
DeLauro	Kanjorski	Pitts
Dent	Kaptur	Platts
Diaz-Balart, L.	Keller	Porter

Price (NC)	Scott (VA)
Pryce (OH)	Serrano
Rahall	Sestak
Ramstad	Shays
Rangel	Shea-Porter
Reichert	Sherman
Reyes	Shuler
Reynolds	Sires
Rogers (KY)	Skellton
Rogers (MI)	Slaughter
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (NJ)
Roskam	Smith (WA)
Ross	Snyder
Rothman	Solis
Roybal-Allard	Stark
Royce	Stupak
Ruppersberger	Sutton
Ryan (OH)	Tanner
Sanchez, Linda T.	Tauscher
Sanchez, Loretta	Taylor
Sarbanes	Thompson (CA)
Saxton	Thompson (MS)
Schakowsky	Tiberi
Schiff	Tierney
Schmidt	Towns
Schwartz	Turner
Scott (GA)	Udall (CO)
	Udall (NM)

NAYS—137

Akin	Gillmor	Moran (KS)
Alexander	Gingrey	Musgrave
Bachmann	Gohmert	Neugebauer
Bachus	Goodlatte	Nunes
Baker	Granger	Oberstar
Barrow	Graves	Paul
Barton (TX)	Hastert	Pearce
Bishop (GA)	Hastings (WA)	Pence
Bishop (UT)	Hayes	Peterson (MN)
Blackburn	Hensarling	Peterson (PA)
Blunt	Herger	Petri
Boehner	Hinojosa	Pickering
Bonner	Hoekstra	Poe
Boren	Hulshof	Pomeroy
Boswell	Hunter	Price (GA)
Boustany	Inglis (SC)	Putnam
Boyd (FL)	Johnson, Sam	Radanovich
Boyd (KS)	Jordan	Regula
Brady (TX)	Kind	Rehberg
Brown (SC)	King (IA)	Renzi
Brown-Waite,	Kingston	Rogers (AL)
Ginny	Kline (MN)	Rohrabacher
Burton (IN)	Knollenberg	Ryan (WI)
Buyer	LaHood	Salazar
Camp (MI)	Lamborn	Sali
Cantor	Latham	Sensenbrenner
Cardoza	Lewis (CA)	Sessions
Carter	Lewis (KY)	Shadegg
Coble	Lucas	Shimkus
Cole (OK)	Lungren, Daniel E.	Shuster
Conaway	Mack	Simpson
Costa	Mahoney (FL)	Smith (NE)
Cramer	Manzullo	Smith (TX)
Cuellar	Marshall	Souder
Culberson	Matheson	Space
Davis, David	McCarthy (CA)	Stearns
Deal (GA)	McCauley (TX)	Tancredo
Dingell	McCrery	Terry
Doolittle	McHenry	Thornberry
Drake	McKeon	Tiahrt
Ellsworth	McMorris	Walberg
Emerson	Rodgers	Walden (OR)
Fallin	Melancon	Walz (MN)
Flake	Miller (FL)	Weldon (FL)
Fortenberry	Miller (MI)	Wicker
Franks (AZ)	Miller, Gary	Young (AK)
Garrett (NJ)		

NOT VOTING—18

Cannon	Fattah	McNulty
Clyburn	Feeney	Rodriguez
Cubin	Gonzalez	Rush
Davis, Jo Ann	Harman	Spratt
Engel	Johnson, E. B.	Sullivan
Etheridge	Lampson	Westmoreland

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1238

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. BLUNT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my good friend from Maryland, the majority leader, for the purpose of inquiring about next week's schedule.

Mr. HOYER. I thank my friend, Mr. BLUNT, for yielding.

On Monday, the House will meet at 12 noon in pro forma session. No legislative business.

On Tuesday the House will meet at 10:30 for morning hour business and noon for legislative business. We will consider several bills under suspension of the rules. A complete list of those bills will be made available by the close of business tomorrow.

On Wednesday and Thursday the House will meet at 10 a.m.

On Friday no votes are expected, assuming we complete our business scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.

We'll consider H.R. 1429, the Head Start reauthorization bill; H.R. 1867, the National Science Foundation reauthorization bill; H.R. 1868, the NIST reauthorization bill; and H.R. 1592, the Local Law Enforcement and Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank the gentleman for that information. And on the discussion of Tuesday, I want to say, first of all, I appreciate the early information you were able to give us on Monday and Tuesday, and wonder, as Members are planning on traveling either Monday or Tuesday, if you have any further sense of when votes may occur on Tuesday.

Mr. HOYER. Votes could occur as early as 12 noon. It will be a full day. Even though we are not here Monday, usually you're in 6:30 the next day. But because of the shortness of the week, we will be in, as I indicated, at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour and then 12 for business. There could be votes as early as 12 noon.

Mr. BLUNT. I appreciate that, and I think that is helpful to Members to know where the leader is headed on that topic.

Two bills you mentioned for next week. I know the local law enforcement, the hate crimes, some of our Members are beginning to be, I think, concerned about this bill, refer to it as a thought crimes bill. But there was a long markup in committee, lots of amendments, and I am thinking on that bill we're hopeful that we can have the same kind of opportunity for a wide-ranging discussion on the floor that the committee had; and on both that and the Head Start bill, we are hoping for a rule that allows that. I wonder if the gentleman has any sense of what the rule on those two bills will look like.

Mr. HOYER. The answer is I have not talked to Rules Committee Chairman

SLAUGHTER about the specific nature of those rules. But, as you know, the Rules Committee is scheduled to meet on the Head Start bill and two science bills on Tuesday, and they will do the rules then.

We'll do the hate crimes bill rule later in the week, probably Wednesday, for consideration on Thursday.

But I understand the gentleman's observation that there was significant debate on both these bills. There are issues that a number of people want to raise on the floor, and I would think that the committee would want to try to make in order some amendments to accomplish that objective.

Mr. BLUNT. Well, I certainly hope so. And I think the time that this took, and the bill on hate crimes or thought crimes, whatever we decide to refer to it as in the coming days, the markup there would indicate a lot of interest.

On the supplemental that we voted on last week, Mr. Leader, do we have a sense of when that will go to the White House or how quickly that bill will come back? And would you expect us to deal with a return? I mean, we all expect the President to veto this particular supplemental. Would it be your sense that we would likely deal with that next week as well?

Mr. HOYER. Obviously, to some degree, that is dependent upon how quickly the President acts. Obviously, he has a number of days to act. But our presumption is he will act soon. And one of the reasons that we have put the time of 12 noon, I mean, it depends upon how early in the day he vetoes that bill. We may have it back here very soon. I talked to the majority leader in the Senate just an hour ago. It's his expectation that that vote will occur today. It's our expectation that we will send the bill down either late Monday, obviously the funeral is occurring and people won't be here, or very, very early Tuesday so that the President will have it Tuesday. And then it will depend upon how soon the President acts. But it would be our expectation that we would act quickly on any action the President took if he vetoes the bill.

We, of course, as you know, are hopeful that he will sign the bill. We think it gives all the money for the troops that the President has asked for, and then some additional monies, and it does not either micromanage the troops or set any precipitous withdrawal dates. But obviously the President has expressed a contrary opinion.

So I think you're right; I think the expectation, based upon the President's representation, is that he is going to veto that bill if it comes to him, and we will have to consider that veto.

Mr. BLUNT. This bill has been, of course, very widely debated, pretty divisive in our points of view on it. A couple of our Members voted with you. A number of your Members voted with us against the bill. But I am certainly in agreement with the gentleman's view that we should pursue whatever next steps are there as soon as possible.

I'd also like to say to the gentleman that I, and I know others on our side, a significant number of others on our side, are eager to work with the majority and the White House both, and get this issue resolved so that our troops are appropriately funded. We can move on to the other appropriations work. And some of these issues, I am sure, are going to be available to the other appropriations bills as topics of discussion that don't necessarily need to be resolved immediately.

On the topic of rules, on the bill that was considered on Tuesday, the science bill, we had an open rule on that. But the deadline to file an amendment, a potential amendment, was last Friday. Obviously, Friday was a travel day.

Normally the deadline would have been sometime the day before the bill was taken up, and I am hopeful that we are not seeing that as a pattern; that we'll still give maximum time for Members to look at legislation, to be able to file a bill. And obviously, if you've got a rule that requires looking at the amendments, you have to have the amendments in before the Rules Committee can meet. But a Friday deadline, when no one was here anyway, on a bill to be handled on Tuesday, seemed to me to be outside of the norm.

□ 1245

And I hope that the gentleman's response is that it is outside the norm and not a new view of a very limited, needlessly limited, time to file amendments. And I would be glad to hear your response to that.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BLUNT. I yield.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Of course, as you know, that bill was scheduled for consideration last week. We did not get to that bill. We took it off the calendar.

Mr. BLUNT. I think I am talking about the other science bill. Not the one that was scheduled on Friday, but the one that was the teachers bill also had a Friday deadline.

Mr. HOYER. Let me find out.

Mr. BLUNT. I believe that is the case. Maybe we could let our staff sort this out.

Mr. HOYER. I am not sure of the exact sequencing. But let me say this in answer to your question, because your question was really not necessarily about this specific bill, but about general process.

Mr. BLUNT. It was.

Mr. HOYER. Clearly, we are trying to pursue a process which gives notice to Members about what they are going to consider.

As you noted, I hope, we waited the full 24 hours on the supplemental conference report so that Members will have the full 24 hours. And as a matter of fact, we were almost to the hour at 5:50 p.m. yesterday. And although there were some Members whom it had

caused a problem to because of their schedules, we had said we were going to give 24 hours' notice, and we did give 24 hours' notice, and we want to continue to do that.

On the amending process, obviously, we are going to many times require that amendments be filed timely so that Members have an opportunity to see what amendments are going to be asked of the Rules Committee. But we will pursue what we believe to be, and hope in consultation with you, is a reasonable time frame to expect people to notice their amendments. Clearly, they have to be out of committee. Clearly, they have to have time to see the bill and prepare amendments. But we want to have amendments in many instances noted so that the membership can know what they are considering.

Mr. BLUNT. I appreciate that and I appreciate your commitment to consultation. Our staffs can look at which of these two Science Committee bills that we are talking about.

And, again, my concern would be that we give Members maximum opportunity to file a bill and not set a deadline on a travel day for a bill that is not going to be on the floor for several days anyway. And I think we have had a discussion that I am comfortable with, and I hope our staff continues to talk about that process meeting everybody's needs, the Rules Committee, the Members that want to file amendments, and understanding that a deadline on a day when Members are trying to get back to their district is really almost a day that the Members themselves may not be able to be engaged in that process. If it is necessary, it is necessary. But when it is not, I would hope we can avoid it. And I believe the gentleman suggested we will continue to view that in that way.

Mr. HOYER. If the gentleman would yield.

Mr. BLUNT. I would.

Mr. HOYER. Certainly we want to make a process where all Members on either side of the aisle have the opportunity to note their amendments in a fashion that does not put them in a place where it makes it very difficult for them. On the other hand, obviously, it is not just the floor that considers it. It is the Rules Committee that has to; so you have to consider when the Rules Committee is going to meet as well.

And although I appreciate the gentleman's observation about Fridays, I have heard a lot about what we can or cannot do on Fridays, I will tell my friend, or what we should be doing on Fridays.

But having said that, assuming a Member is working with his staff and/or the committee's staff or CRS in preparing his or her amendment, obviously if they get it ready and the Rules Committee is going to meet Monday or Tuesday, an expectation that it would be filed by close of business on Friday I don't think is unreasonable, even if we are not here on Fridays, because presumably their staff has been working with them on their amendment and

can make sure that amendment gets filed even if the Member is not physically present here.

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I would say to my friend as long as the bill is available the full week before, and our opportunity at the end of the week to talk about what is going to be available, I think there is reasonableness there. On a bill that suddenly we just decide we have time to do it, that might be different than the normal procedure that my friend is suggesting.

Mr. HOYER. Will my friend yield?

Mr. BLUNT. I would.

Mr. HOYER. Because you said as long as the bill has been available at least a week before. I want to think about that timeframe. That was sort of an add-on in your comment. I don't want my silence to be perceived as, oh, yes, okay, that's a procedure we can follow. I am not sure we can follow that. But certainly the substance of your comment we do want to follow, and that is give Members a reasonable opportunity to prepare an amendment to a bill. Obviously they considered it in committee and they reported it out of committee, but there may be times, as you observed, when that doesn't happen and it goes more quickly.

Mr. BLUNT. On that topic of what may be out there, Mr. Speaker, I have just a couple of final questions.

One is we are now approaching 4 weeks before another opportunity for a district work period during the Memorial Day time. I wonder if the leader has a sense of a couple of items, your sense of what you are hoping as major things to get done during that month, generally; and, specifically, if there is any information about a GSE bill. The committee voted a GSE bill out on March 28. That was a full month ago. I am wondering if there is a sense of when that might be on the floor. And anything else the gentleman has about an appropriation schedule that might involve the next 4 weeks would be helpful. And that would be my final question unless your answer prompts a question.

I yield to my friend.

Mr. HOYER. I will try to be precise so that your response will be germane to my observations.

Let me say that with respect to the GSE bill, there has been a reference to another committee. That committee has not reported out that bill, so obviously we have to find out what it does.

On your general question, let me say it is my hope during the next 30 days prior to the Memorial Day break there will be a number of significant things we will do. We mentioned this coming week's work. We will start the appropriations process. I am hopeful that we will adopt a budget resolution conference report by that time. If we do not, as I indicated last week to you, it would be my hope that we would have the Appropriations Committee move ahead and mark bills to the House-passed level, as we have done in the past, and deem its passage.

I would hope that we would pass a number of appropriations bills in May. And as the gentleman also knows, as we have historically done, we will be considering the defense authorization bill in May.

So appropriation bills, the authorization bill. There will be some other pieces of legislation, but I expect them to be the major focus of the balance of time between now and when we take the Memorial Day break.

Mr. BLUNT. I think that is very helpful, and I thank the majority leader.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ARCURI). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland? There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

PUBLICATION OF THE RULES OF THE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE, 110TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. REYES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives, I respectfully submit the rules of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for the 110th Congress for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The committee adopted these rules by voice vote, with a quorum being present, at our organizational meeting on January 18, 2007.

Pursuant to rule XI, Clause 2(a)(2) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I respectfully submit the rules for the 110th Congress for the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The Committee adopted these rules by voice vote, with a quorum being present, at our organizational meeting on January 18, 2007.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 110TH CONGRESS (HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—JANUARY 18, 2007)

Rules of Procedure for the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

1. MEETING DAY

Regular Meeting Day for the Full Committee. The regular meeting day of the Committee for the transaction of Committee business shall be the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise directed by the Chairman.

2. NOTICE FOR MEETINGS

(a) GENERALLY.—In the case of any meeting of the Committee, the Chief Clerk of the Committee shall provide reasonable notice to every Member of the Committee. Such notice shall provide the time and place of the meeting.

(b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this rule, "reasonable notice" means:

(1) Written notification;

(2) Delivered by facsimile transmission, regular mail, or electronic mail that is

(A) Delivered no less than 24 hours prior to the event for which notice is being given, if the event is to be held in Washington, D.C.; or

(B) Delivered no less than 48 hours prior to the event for which notice is being given, if the event is to be held outside Washington, D.C.

(c) EXCEPTION.—In extraordinary circumstances only, the Chairman may, after consulting with the Ranking Minority Member, call a meeting of the Committee without providing notice, as defined in subparagraph (b), to Members of the Committee.

3. PREPARATIONS FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(a) GENERALLY.—Designated Committee Staff, as directed by the Chairman, shall brief Members of the Committee at a time sufficiently prior to any Committee meeting in order to:

(1) Assist Committee Members in preparation for such meeting; and

(2) Determine which matters Members wish considered during any meeting.

(b) BRIEFING MATERIALS.

(1) Such a briefing shall, at the request of a Member, include a list of all pertinent papers, and such other materials, that have been obtained by the Committee that bear on matters to be considered at the meeting; and

(2) The Staff Director shall also recommend to the Chairman any testimony, papers, or other materials to be presented to the Committee at the meeting of the Committee.

4. OPEN MEETINGS

(a) GENERALLY.—Pursuant to Rule XI of the House, but subject to the limitations of subsections (b) and (c), Committee meetings held for the transaction of business and Committee hearings shall be open to the public.

(b) MEETINGS.—Any meeting or portion thereof, for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, or any hearing or portion thereof, shall be closed to the public, if the Committee determines by record vote in open session, with a majority of the Committee present, that disclosure of the matters to be discussed may:

(1) Endanger national security;

(2) Compromise sensitive law enforcement information;

(3) Tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person; or

(4) Otherwise violate any law or Rule of the House.